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Column One
By David Courtney

THE British House of Commons have voted on the disputed provision of the Finance Bill and the Labour Government have been assured of a few months of relative ease in Parliament. Mr. Churchill, against the wishes of some other party leaders and of most of the Conservative rank and file, had taken the bit between his impatient teeth and forced a division with the object of defeating the Government on an issue it declared as one of confidence. The budget has been described as marking the "watershed" of this season at Westminster. Its successful passage through the House of Commons will almost certainly provide Mr. Attlee with an equable parliamentary climate for the rest of the summer. Some uneasiness may have been caused by the absence of spectacular gifts to the workers to offset the wage-freeze, but a careful study of the debate and of Labour comment in the country indicates that Party backbenchers are a great deal more satisfied with Sir Stafford Cripps on this occasion than they were a year ago. They can go to their constituencies and say that the housing cuts have been restored, food subsidies retained, the health service kept free of charge, and the income tax modified in a manner that will release a substantial part of workers' overtime from the tax collector's grip.

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THERE is something here to mitigate the unpopular wage policy, and something more, psychologically, in Sir Stafford's justifiable attack on the system of tax-free gifts to company directors. At a meeting in January, 187 Trade Union executives angrily protested against a tax-free gift of £125,000 to Mr. Lord of Austin Motors, and another of £100,000 to Sir John Black of Standard Motors. How could workers be asked to accept a wage-freeze when company directors were being given colossal gifts free of tax? Sir Stafford Cripps has now charged surtax on such gifts retroactively to 1949-50, and the two directors will get only £5,700 in the one case and £4,500 in the other.

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THESE factors are not enough to make underpaid workers feel very much happier, but they may be enough to give M.P.'s and those Union Executives which have already accepted the wage-freeze policy, some chances of keeping their hold over the constituencies and the Unions. It is believed that the disputes with the Railwaymen and the Amalgamated Engineers, both of which unions have a good claim to wage increases among their lowerpaid members, will be peacefully settled; and it is becoming clear that some periodic deep-freezing is desirable if the machine is not to be seriously numbed. The dock strike is, of course, another matter. It has nothing to do with wages. To some extent it represents a dispute between Union members and their official executive. It is an extreme example of the schism which has been allowed to develop between the workers and their official leadership in several of the big Trade Unions.

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THE Tories, in their offensive have had to resort to the tactics of class warfare. The budget as a whole has given them no effective opportunity to throw down a challenge on national grounds. They have been forced to pick out one or two provisions of the Finance Bill, which affect such sectional interest as petrol-users and company directors. Trade complaints are not likely to find any echo in that part of the electorate which voted Labour in February; and are hardly of the kind to create new enthusiasm among those who gave their votes to the Conservative and Liberal candidates. The Party Executive was divided in its views as to the desirability of a show-down that might lead to a dissolution and an immediately uncertain campaign in the country. But Mr. Churchill's belligerency prevailed the caution of his advisers and, from all accounts, was encouraged by a section of the Party which declared that the Head could be induced to refuse a dissolution, and, instead, to call in Mr. Churchill and charge him with the task of securing support from the Commons. In any event, it seems fairly clear that Mr. Churchill has done his Party no good.

Tel Aviv, April 27.

Britain May Recognize Israel, Jordan Together

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON, Wednesday. — Formal British recognition of the establishment of the enlarged Jordan Kingdom is expected to clear the way for *de jure* recognition of Israel.

Both announcements are likely to be made simultaneously, probably accompanied by reminders of Britain's responsibility for the protection of Jordan territory under the 1948 treaty.

The question whether the Treaty requires amendment, in view of the latest events, is now being studied. There appears to be a division in legal opinion on this point. What is certain is that both Israel and Jordan's Arab neighbours will be formally warned off Jordan territory.

The decision to ignore Egyptian objections is understood to have been taken partly in response to unfavourable comment on the Foreign Office's previous tendency to support the Arab League.

U.N. Short-Circuited

LONDON, Wednesday, (Reuter).—United Nations plans to internationalize Jerusalem have been short-circuited by the decision of the Jordan Government to annex those parts of Arab Palestine occupied by the Arab Legion, diplomatic quarters in London believe.

The failure to make a formal proclamation that the Old City of Jerusalem as well as the rest of Arab Palestine, other than the Gaza strip, is now part of Jordan is attributed here to the wish to avoid international repercussions, and the desire to leave a loophole if international pressure becomes too great, informed quarters here said.

Acheson Says U.N. Involved

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, (AP).—The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, said today that Jordan's move in annexing Arab Palestine has a bearing on United Nation's efforts to settle the Palestine question.

He said that normally the U.S. has no objection to a union when the peoples concerned mutually desired it. But in this case, he said, the problem is broadened in that the U.N. Agencies are trying to settle the question.

Merger 'A Serious Act', League Says

CAIRO, Wednesday, (AFP).—The General Secretariat of the Arab League today drew up a document stating that the annexation of Arab-held Palestine by the Jordan Government was a "very serious act from the political point of view." The document will be submitted to the forthcoming meeting of the Political Committee of the League, probably on May 1.

The Egyptian Government has requested the Secretary General of the Arab League to convene the Political Committee immediately to consider the situation caused by the annexation. Premier Mustapha Nahas Pasha stated today that Egypt will stand firm on the Arab League's resolution of April 13 barring any Arab country from annexing Palestine.

Island Secedes From Indonesia

JAKARTA, Wednesday. — The Island of Amboina in East Indonesia was reported to have seceded from the United States of Indonesia today and proclaimed itself the "Republic of South Molucca." The report came from the radio station at Amboina, 2,000 miles east of here.

The report comes just two weeks after the Indonesian Federal Government quelled a secessionist revolt at Makassar, in the Celebes, led by Captain Aziz.

News of military moves in the area reached Jakarta today a few hours before the announcement of secession. Officials here said they were still out of touch with the situation because of lack of communications.

Military sources here reported that Indonesian troops garrisoned in Amboina under Dutch command joined the rebellion.

Uprising Isolated

Observers here pointed out that the Amboina uprising is isolated and that there is less danger of its spreading than other recent flareups in Indonesia, but may take much longer to quell because it is more likely to be backed by the local population.

Some observers think the rebellious wave might sweep through the Indonesian corps of the Dutch army. Joining these soldiers to the new U.S.I. Army proved one of the most troublesome tasks for the U.S.I. and has still not been worked out in a satisfactory way.

Amboina's population is about 40,000 and the population of South Moluces is about 120,000.

(UP, AP, Reuter)

Two Correspondents Held in Bucharest

LONDON, Wednesday (PTA). Rumanian police have arrested Marcel Pohne, Bucharest correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, and Leonard Kirscher, A.P. correspondent, the official Rumanian News Agency reported today. The charges against them were not revealed.

The J.T.A. today asked the American State Department to investigate the action of the Rumanian authorities, and the U.S. Legation in Bucharest is seeking additional information.

Mr. Pohne was employed by British newspapers for four years after the war until he joined the J.T.A.

Israelis in Cyprus —As Tourists

By SHABE GUEBENLIAN, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NICOSIA, Wednesday.—There was a flurry of excitement at Famagusta docks this morning when the s.s. Galila, with 475 men and women from Israel aboard, slowly drew alongside. There was a complete absence of the military precautions which marked the Galila's last trip to Famagusta when she was engaged in a shuttle service carrying immigrants from the camps to Israel. Instead, a fleet of gaily coloured lorries stood by to carry the Israel visitors round the island on a day's shore visit during their three-day sea cruise. The Cyprus authorities waived all landing formalities, and the tourists came ashore on group visa.

Among today's visitors were several who had been on the Island as "illegal" immigrants in the Caraolos and Xylotymbou camps. They smiled when they stepped ashore and said they were looking forward to enjoying Cyprus this time as free men. Peltours, who run this trip, intend to organize similar tours during the year.

More Norwegian Houses Will Come

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The 50 Norwegian houses, given to Israel and lost when the s.s. Bosphorus caught fire in Istanbul last week will be replaced in August or September.

This information was given this evening by a very disappointed Norwegian, Mr. Joseph Berg, who came here on behalf of the Norwegian Labour Party and Trade Union Movement so that he could be present at the erection of the first houses.

"I even brought a movie camera with me — I intended to take the pictures back to my colleagues," Mr. Berg, who is leaving by K.L.M. tomorrow morning, added.

When the Norwegians decided to donate houses as a memorial to the 27 children and three nurses lost in the plane crash last year, they hoped to raise enough for 30 houses, and a community centre that would be named after the Norwegian nurse who perished.

"But the Labour and Trade Union and other movement raised 600,000 kroners — almost twice as much as we expected," Mr. Berg said, adding that this enabled the purchase of 50 houses.

"We decided on a kindergarten in the name of Isaac Allal to mark the miracle of his escape. All the donations were in small money — we did not go out for big gifts. About 400,000 Trade Unionists gave donations equivalent to an hour's work."

Mr. Berg went to the site where the mother was to be established, near Natanya. He met some of the relatives of the young victims.

"Some of the families are already working on the foundations," he said. "It's going to be an all-Tunisian mother with a two-room house for each of the 50 families. We expect Isaac Allal and his family will live there." They are in Marseilles now.

The whole cargo of houses was insured. "So we'll get the money and build new ones," Mr. Berg said. "We are rather short of wood this year — we have not cut as much as usual but we will start building them in July."

The Norwegian hopes to return with his movie camera to see the second batch erected in the autumn.

French Attack Vietminh Forces

SAIGON, Wednesday (Reuter). — French forces have launched a series of "fully successful" operations in reply to numerous and violent Vietminh guerrilla attacks in Tonkin, Annam, and Cochinchina.

A French military communique stated today that six mixed French-Vietnam battalions surrounded three Vietminh battalions in Tonkin.

Another communique said French troops won a victory in the rich Tonkin delta. Thirty-four Vietminh soldiers were killed and 209 captured, the communique claimed.

The French High Command has not yet given details of operations near Tonkin, but it was learned from informed sources that French troops were continuing successful mopping-up operations.

Border Officers To Discuss Incidents

A meeting of local Israel and Jordan commanders covering the border from Tiberias to Elath will be convened in Jerusalem on May 2, it was decided at the Mixed Armistice Commission meeting yesterday.

They will discuss the Beit Jibrin and other frontier incidents, with a view to preventing their occurrence in the future.

A sub-committee was also set up to consider new rules of procedure for the M.A.C. in order to speed up the Commission's business.

The next meeting was set for May 3.

Israel representatives were Dr. A. Biran and Rav-Seren Shaul Ramati. Jordan was represented by Mohammed Adeeb el Amery Bey and Major Radi Rhodawi. Col. Bennet L. de Reeder was the U.N. Chairman.

Riley Sees Yadin

Major-General William Riley, U.N. Chief of Staff, lunched yesterday in Jerusalem with the Israel Army Chief of Staff, Rav-Aloof Yigael Yadin. A similar meeting is expected to be held in a few days between General Riley and Brigadier Glubb Pasha, Commander of the Arab Legion.

These meetings are understood to be part of General Riley's effort to avoid the repetition of border incidents which had only led to complaints and counter-complaints cluttering up the M.A.C. agenda.

In connection with next week's meeting of the local commanders General Riley told The Jerusalem Post he would like to re-establish the contact between the Israel and Jordan commanders in the Beit Jibrin-Rebron area which was set up some time ago, but broken off last month. The contact was made over a direct telephone line.

General Riley feels that in order to stop the incidents either communications should be resumed or that mixed patrols should be set up similar to those operating on the Egyptian frontier, or alternatively mixed outposts might be established.

The latest incident was reported early this week when five Israelis wandered mistakenly into Arab territory and were fired on. It was believed that one was killed, one was wounded and three were taken prisoner.

Fishing Boat

ROSH PINA, Wednesday. — The return of a fishing boat and equipment held by the Syrians since February 16 when three Israel fishing inspectors were detained, was discussed at the weekly meeting of the Israel-Syria Mixed Armistice Commission here today.

It was agreed to pass the question to a mixed sub-committee.

The next meeting of the M.A.C. will be held on May 3 in the Syrian Customs House.

MORGENTHAU CHECKED

NEW YORK, Wednesday, (PTA). — Henry Morgenthau entered the New York Hospital today for a rest and medical check-up.

Elath and Advisers Confer with McGhee

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, (UP). — The Israel Ambassador, Mr. Eliahu Elath, attended by economic and legal advisers, conferred for 15 minutes today with Mr. George C. McGhee, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs. Mr. Elath told reporters that "we discussed certain commercial matters of interest to both countries."

Informed observers believe that among the subjects discussed were a treaty of friendship, commerce and navigation and a taxation treaty which would eliminate double taxation of citizens of one country employed in the other.

SHARETT REPORTS TO CABINET

The Foreign Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, reviewed the political situation at the Cabinet meeting in Jerusalem yesterday. The Chief of Staff, Rav-Aloof Yigael Yadin, reported on security and organization problems.

Cabinet members visited an exhibition of the plans for the establishment of the new Ha'Kirya. The plans have been approved by the committee of judges.

The Cabinet has scheduled another meeting for this week.

The Knesset will reconvene in Jerusalem on Tuesday next, it was officially announced yesterday.

Mapai Attacked By Soviet Paper

MOSCOW, Wednesday, (AP). — The weekly "New Times" today attacked Mr. Ben Gurion and other leaders of Israel's Mapai party as "agents of Anglo-American imperialists."

The "New Times" said that in all questions of foreign and domestic policy, Mapai leaders maintain the Wall Street line. It said this has inevitably transforming Israel into a weapon of the warmongers and into a pawn on the chessboard of the imperialist game of the Middle East.

The paper attacked Ben Gurion for what it described as a slander on the Soviet army in a speech on April 7.

Jaffa Survivors Get Housing Offer

JAFFA, Wednesday. — Mayor I. Rokach today promised the survivors of the Jaffa house collapse permanent dwellings within three months, in an interview with their representatives at his office in Tel Aviv today. The survivors promised to give their answer tomorrow.

Each family was promised a one-and-a-half room flat, and all children will be sent for a month's convalescence to a children's home at the expense of the Municipality, according to the Mayor's proposals.

The 43 survivors are still squatting in the offices of the Jaffa City Administration which they entered on Friday. If they accept the Mayor's terms, they will leave the offices as soon as alternative temporary accommodation is found for them.

Labour Wins New Confidence Test by Narrowest Margin Yet

British Proposal to U.S. Called Sham Solution of Problem

By GEORGE LICHTHEIM, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON, Wednesday. — The reaction to the reported British proposals for transferring a portion of her sterling balances to the U.S.A. appears to be almost uniformly unfavourable. The reception by the American Congress has been such as to endanger Britain's current E.R.P. quota.

Circles here are voicing their objections to what they consider a sham solution of Britain's payments problem. They believe that the Treasury would have done better to have insisted on a reduction in American tariffs and the ending of American price-pegging policies which raise artificially the cost of Britain's agricultural imports.

The Indian Government has now voiced its strong objections. The proposals seem to have been made without consulting Delhi where the impression is prevalent that the real interests of Southeast Asia are being overlooked.

These interests, it is stated, demand the unconditional release of funds for the speediest industrialization of backward countries and not a conditional allocation of limited dollar amounts intended to lighten Britain's financial burden.

Furthermore, since devaluation, India's imports from dollar countries have become expensive and any transfer of sterling liabilities to America would probably compel India to spend even more on dollar imports.

For these and other reasons the Indian Government is expected to oppose the Treasury proposals which, in any case, seem unlikely to meet with favour in the U.S. Pakistan, whose Finance Minister is now in London, has not given its reaction. The Egyptian attitude remains wholly obscure.

Israel appears the least affected by the suggested scheme and can probably afford to await developments.

U.S. Congressmen Attack British Plan

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, (UP). — Republican Senator Kenneth Wherry yesterday denounced the British proposal to transfer part of her wartime debts to the United States. Senator Wherry said:

"We ought to begin to wonder if Britain is entitled to any more aid in view of the fact that her external and internal budgets are balanced."

"In addition," he said, "Britain has a $2,000m. gold reserve."

The U.K. proposal for America to take over a large proportion of her economic burden in India, Pakistan and South-east Asia has already been condemned by Senator Tom Conally, Democratic Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Senator Robert Taft, advocating the reduction of E.C.A. spending next year, questioned yesterday whether Britain should receive any U.S. aid in the year ahead.

Referring to the $687m. designated in the bill for Britain, Senator Taft said that Sir Stafford Cripps recently reported that Britain had built up its gold and dollar reserve to over $2,000m.

"What then is the object of allocating this money to them if they are able to pay their way?" he demanded.

Liberals Join Conservatives

LONDON, Wednesday — (Reuter). — Britain's two-month-old Government today beat off by only five votes two Conservative challenges threatening its downfall and a new general election. The Liberals voted with the Conservatives.

Both Conservative challenges —one calling for the rejection of the budget proposal to increase the price of petrol, and the other rejecting the proposal to impose a 33⅓ per cent tax on lorries—were defeated by 304 votes to 299. It was the lowest Government majority yet.

The House was crowded to capacity an hour before the fateful vote. Labour and Conservative Party whips had rounded up for the crucial vote the fit, the ailing and even the bedridden.

The Government had previously defeated three Conservative motions of non-confidence, with majorities of 14, 19 and 25.

Labour increased its overall majority in the House of Commons to eight today by squeezing through in a Scottish by-election.

Its candidate in the Dumbartonshire West Division by-election, Tom Steele, an insurance agent, defeated Conservative Commander Robert Allen by 20,376 votes to 20,074 after a recount.

Mr. Steele's victory now gives the Labourites 314 seats in Commons against 306 held by the combined Conservative-Liberal forces.

Three members elected on February 23 have not, for various reasons, taken the oath of office.

Slings and Crutches Hold Labour's Fate

LONDON, Wednesday (Reuter). — The Labour Government's fate hinged today on a mere handful of invalids.

One of the Socialist members wore his arm in a sling. Others had the drawn look which comes from a quick recall from the sickbed.

One of the Conservative members arrived on crutches. He had injured his leg when running to vote in a division some time ago.

Rarely has Parliament witnessed such a collection of crutches and sticks.

USSR Balks Austria Treaty, U.S. Says

LONDON, Wednesday, (AP). An American spokesman charged today that Russia is delaying the writing of a treaty of independence for Austria because she does not want to withdraw her troops.

The spokesman's comment came after the 252nd meeting of the Deputy Foriegn Ministers of the U.S., Britain, France and Russia who are attempting to write an Austrian treaty.

Russia's Deputy Foreign Minister to the conference, M. Georg Zarubin, read a prepared statement accusing Austria of violating denazification and demilitarization regulations of the Allied commission in Vienna.

The three Western Deputies declined to answer M. Zarubin's prepared statement. They said their reply would be made either before the Allied Commission in Vienna or at their next meeting here on May 22.

Extra $350M. to Buy More U.S. War Planes

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, (UP). — The House Appropriations Committee today allotted an extra $350m. to the defence fund mainly for the purpose of buying more war planes.

The Committee acted just two hours after Defence Secretary Louis Johnson had said that the extra money was necessary "at this critical world period."

The new allocation includes $200m. for air force planes; $100m. for navy planes and $50m. for conversion of naval vessels for anti-submarine warfare.

Mr. Johnson had asked for $583m. but the $303m. refused may, according to the Committee's chairman, be restored later.

The present allocation raises the defence establishment for the year beginning July 1 to $14,261,127,300.

Zionist Council Committees Begin Meetings

Discussions began yesterday morning among the four committees of the Zionist General Council: Finance and Economic Problems, Organization, Basic Policy, and Immigration and Absorption.

The committees' proposals will be brought before the plenary next week.

Mr. Levi Eshkol, Treasurer of the Jewish Agency, stressed the need for an additional IL2m. over and above the Agency's budget for the absorption of immigrants. It was intended, he said, to invest IL.28m. in agricultural settlement this year although only IL.16m. was provided in the budget. The Agency would receive 15,000 dwelling units from the Government for housing.

Policy Questions

The [illegible] committee discussed whether it should merely fix the principles for cooperation with the Government or define the questions to be considered.

Reporting to the Immigration and Absorption Committee, Mr. I. Raphael, Head of the Agency Immigration Section, said that 13,500 immigrants arrived in March. Of these, 6,000 were from Eastern Europe.

Nine thousand persons had arrived from Poland and another 2,000 were expected shortly, Mr. Raphael concluded. He will make his immigration proposals at another meeting shortly.

Public Relations

Mr. Eliahu Dobkin, member of the Agency Executive, addressed the Organizational Committee on organization, public relations, and youth and pioneering. He expressed the view that publicity should be controlled by the Jewish Agency and pointed to the cooperation between the Agency and the National Funds achieved in such projects as Broadcasts to the Diaspora and films.

A monthly or fortnightly devoted to problems of the Zionist Movement would be issued shortly, Mr. Dobkin said. It would be in Hebrew and perhaps also in other languages.

The number of shekalim sold by the time the Zionist Congress meets on December 30, he said, would be almost two million in spite of the fact that in a number of Eastern European countries there is no possibility of selling them and no possibility of those countries sending delegates. Mr. Dobkin suggested that an earlier date than the middle of August be set for the winding up of the shekel campaign so as to allow more time for preparations for the Congress.

Mr. Dobkin proposed that a central fund be set up for the needs of pioneer youth. The fund would provide for agricultural training farms abroad, the establishment of youth clubs and the setting up of institutions here such as permanent courses and seminars for students and teachers. According to the proposal, two per cent of the income of the U.J.A. and other Zionist fund-raising campaigns would be set aside this year for the central fund, and four per cent next year.

Youth Movements

Mr. Dobkin said there were great possibilities of setting up strong youth movements in North Africa and America.

Reports on the discussions of the Committees were presented to the Jewish Agency Executive which met in Jerusalem yesterday.

A meeting will be held in the next few days between Government representatives and the Executive to clarify current immigration problems.

IRAN ENVOY TO JORDAN

TEHERAN, Wednesday (AFP) — For the first time, Iran is to be represented officially in Jordan, M. Hussein Zedjani was today designated for this post.

Anzac Wreath

A wreath was placed on the Anzac memorial in the British War Cemetery on Mt. Scopus on the occasion of Anzac Day on Tuesday.

The ceremony was undertaken by the Israel police contingent in the de-militarized zone at the Hadassah Hospital.

It was done at the request of Israel veterans of the Jewish Legion and the Zion Mule Corps — comrades of the Anzac in the Gallipoli Campaign — transmitted through the Jerusalem District Commissioner's Office.

70 Chinese Drowned

HONG KONG, Wednesday (Reuter). — Seventy people aboard the 1,600-ton Chinese vessel Hainan were drowned in a collision with the U.S. merchantman California Bear, on the night of April 20, the Chinese News Agency said.

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Social & Personal

M. Jules Moch, former French Minister of the Interior, left Israel for Paris by El Al plane last night.

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Senor G. L. Arrida, the Guatemalan Minister to Rome, is expected in Israel today on a private visit.

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Mr. James McDonald, the U.S. Ambassador, visited the exhibition of paintings by Jacques Zucker in the Tel Aviv Museum yesterday.

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Dr. Joseph Weiss, Director of the Financial and Economic Section of the Head Office of the J.N.F., has left for Europe on behalf of the Fund.

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Dr. Aharon Steinberg, Director of the Cultural Department of the World Jewish Congress, has arrived in Israel.

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Mr. L. Van de Heyden, Treasurer of the U.J.A. and the Palestine Foundation Fund in Holland, has arrived on a visit.

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Mr. and Mrs. Morris Stern, leading Milwaukee Zionists, have arrived in Israel by Sabena for an 11-day visit.

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Professor L. L. Silverman of Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H. (U.S.A.) will deliver a guest-lecture on "The Consistency of Definitions of Summability" under the auspices of the Hebrew University. The lecture will take place at 11 o'clock today at Terra Sancta College (Room 32). The public is invited.

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Dr. Bruno Schweig, of England, will lecture on "Modern Trends in Mirror Making" at the Hebrew Technical College, Haifa, at 8 o'clock on Thursday evening.

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A two-day symposium of the Israel Chemical Society on "Physical Methods in Chemical Research" will open on May 2 at the Bet Hahalutzot in Jerusalem.

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OBITUARY

Grand Rabbin Julien Weill

We regret to announce the death of the Grand Rabbin Julien Weill who passed away, after a brief illness, in Paris on Wednesday.

Born in Versailles in 1873, he became Chief Rabbi of Paris in 1933, an office once held by his father from 1885 to 1925. A distinguished scholar, he was a professor at the Ecole Rabbinique and, from 1919 to 1934, chief editor of the "Revue des Etudes Juives." His publications include a biography of the late Grand Rabbin Zadoc Kahn, a French translation of the Antiquities by Josephus Flavius, and several works on Jewish religion. During World War I, he served as an Army chaplain and was an officer of the Legion of Honour.

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Mrs. Sarah August Joseph

Mrs. Sarah August Joseph, mother of the Minister of Supply and Rationing, Dr. Dov Joseph, died after an illness at the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem yesterday at the age of 76.

Born in Lithuania, she immigrated to Canada at the age of 18 where she married. When Dr. Joseph was four years old, her first husband died leaving her with five children. She remarried and came to Palestine in 1922.

The funeral has been delayed until tomorrow pending Dr. Joseph's expected arrival from abroad.

Dr. Joseph was expected to arrive on Tuesday evening but he was held up because of weather conditions.

DIES IN FALL

Avraham Levit, 35, a Jerusalem Electric Corporation employee, was killed instantly when he fell from an electric pole in Talpiot yesterday while making repairs.

JERUSALEM CINEMAS

At 2.30 — 7 — 9 p.m.
EDEN: The Bribe.
EDISON: The Red Shoes (9 p.m.)
ORION — No Performances
SEMADAR: A Lone White Sail.
STUDIO: Rigoletto (Also at 5 & 9 p.m.)
ZION HALL: Johnny Belinda.

HAIFA CINEMAS

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Conductor: G. SINGER
Tickets: Bailin, 67 Allenby Road, Tel Aviv. Tel. 3033, and Cahana's Theatrical Agency, Jerusalem.

Many Women In Pilgrim Party

LYDDA AIRPORT, Wednesday. — Women almost predominated in the party of 71 pilgrims who arrived here by Venezuelan Airlines from Rome yesterday morning.

The party, which included 31 women pilgrims, was composed of 41 Colombians, 10 Costa Ricans, six Americans, two Canadians, two Italians and one Spaniard.

Among them were Mr. Juan Manuel Gonzalez, the Archbishop of Colombia, and Mr. Victor Sanabria Martinez, the Bishop of Costa Rica. Dr. Giovanni Franzini, representing the Holy Year organization, and Mgr. Salvatore Verde of Terra Sancta, from the Vatican, accompanied the pilgrims who were welcomed to Israel by Mr. A. Z. Propes, representing the Government's Special Inter-Ministerial Committee, Mr. Nathan Alisiouf, Costa Rican Hon. Consul in Israel, and Dr. J. Valentine of Patra.

Accompanied by Patra travel agency personnel, the pilgrims left for the north at 10 o'clock. They will remain in Israel until tomorrow evening when they will cross into the Old City of Jerusalem. They will return to Rome via Mafrak airport.

BRITISH DISPLAY YACHT TO STOP AT HAIFA

HAIFA, Wednesday. — The 240-ton yacht, m.y. Northwind, will display British export goods when it arrives in Haifa Port about May 15. The floating exhibition sailed from Southampton on March 30 for a three-month tour of the Mediterranean area.

WHAT FORM RESTITUTION?

By an Economic Correspondent

The Minister of Finance, true to his habit of giving hard facts to his listeners and not hiding the difficulties to be faced, told the meeting of the Zionist General Council in Jerusalem that we shall need some IL.500m. to finance immigration under the Four Year Plan and that some IL.300m. of this will have to be found in hard currency. We have become used to astronomical figures during the past couple of years and they are no longer able to stagger us as they used to. This is because we have been able to manage somehow.

However, we would be making a grave mistake if we comforted ourselves with the thought that we will manage somehow in the future as we did in the past. Mr. Kaplan was right in pointing out the growing deficit of the Jewish Agency, the body which has so far been responsible for immigrant absorption and settlement. And he was also right in calling attention to the fact that the growing gap between our monetary needs and available capital is bound to result in an even more strictly applied rationing system, and when the limit has been reached in this sphere, to our inability to care for more immigrants.

Necessary Source

Under these circumstances, every additional source of income for the Israel economy, be it from private or public sources, can make all the difference between severe want and a modest form of living. An inability to master the problems of mass immigration can result in a severe jolt to the country's economic life.

Thus, the negotiations on the restitution of Jewish property in Germany should be followed with the utmost care. The problem has, in the main, attracted much political interest. It was only natural that this discussion should be tinged with all the passion aroused by the unprecedented persecution of German Jewry.

At last, however, it has been decided that it would be only just if the Germans made a slight restitution in the form of transfers. The negotiations now proceeding in Germany will present Israel with the question of how to arrange such a transfer of goods so that the greatest benefit will accrue to the country.

The sums due from retribution generally are estimated at various amounts, but it is fairly certain that the sum owed to Israel will reach from IL.50m. to IL.70m.

U.S. Role

In the last resort, the decision on the form the restitution is to take does not rest with the German authorities alone but with the occupation powers, Britain, France, and the U.S. The latter has the most important vote owing to the influence it exerts through Marshall Aid. The Americans have, in fact, viewed the plan of a transfer of goods from Germany to Israel by way of restitution with a certain reluctance. Interested as they are in Germany's earning dollars, so that the Germans will reach economic stability by the time Marshall Aid will have been concluded, they do not favour unrequited exports. The fate of restitution will be decided not only in Bonn, but also in Washington.

From a purely economic point of view, Israel must make sure that the capital goods badly needed for development, as well as building materials, raw materials, and prefabricated houses will form the main items of the transfer, if it will eventually be instituted. We are definitely not interested in goods which can be manufactured here, since these would endanger our existing industries as well as the new plants for which we hope to attract foreign capital. On the other hand, we can profit from the importation of raw materials, which will keep the wheels of our industry turning, and in the import of materials which will help to mitigate the housing shortage.

No Further Commerce

There is, however, one limitation to this list which should be kept carefully in mind when the list of transfer goods is worked out. We know that certain products once bought at a certain source determine further orders for years to come. For example, spare parts for certain machinery can only be had from a particular source and, in addition, workers, managers, and the public become used to certain brands of goods. Since Israel wishes to make use of the possibilities of restitution transfer but does not wish to establish ordinary trade relations with Germany, these facts should be taken into consideration.

It is perhaps still too early to go into details in this respect, since the negotiations are still in their initial stages. It is, however, certain that our financial position obliges us to make use of this additional source of goods to the greatest possible extent and to try to accelerate these negotiations.

Head of Steel Bros. On Visit to Israel

TEL AVIV, Wednesday.—The recent establishment of the London-Israel Chamber of Commerce had already done much to draw closer the bond between Britain and Israel, Mr. J. K. Michie, president of Steel Brothers and of the National Bank of India, said at a luncheon given for him in the Industrial and Commercial Club here today.

The recent British-Israel agreement, the British Minister, Sir Knox Helm, said, was a "solid foundation laid by a whole lot of people." He hoped that a good solid building would be erected on the foundation.

Mr. Michie, who is returning to Britain by B.O.A.C. plane tomorrow morning, said that his firm was glad "we had helped the people of this country during the war and since. If we can help in any way we shall be very happy."

Sir Knox was accompanied by Mr. John Stoodley, First Secetary.

As a result of Mr. Michie's visit here, the activities of the firm are expected to be expanded.

Expanded Programme

Steel Brothers have taken on the representation of leading British manufacturers, some of whom will be doing business in Israel for the first time. Among the new commodities offered are farm machinery, cranes, electric cables, grinding machines, lathes, and tyres.

The firm is also planning to enlarge its garage services. The first new station will be set up in Haifa. Others in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv will follow.

Where to Go

JERUSALEM

9-1; 3-6: Exhibition of Prints; also of works by local artists, Safrai's Art Gallery; 241 Jaffa Road.
9-1; 3-6: Exhibition of Paintings by Abraham Goldberg; also Collections of the Museum; Bezalel Museum.
9-1: Exhibition of Book Covers designed by Lily Cassel; Bezalel School.
10-1; 3-6: Exhibition of Works by M. Levanon; Also Permanent Exhibition of Jerusalem Artists; Artists' House.
10-12; 4-7: Exhibition of French Art by 25 Jewish Painters; King David Hotel.
CAFE ARMON — dancing nightly.

TEL AVIV

9-1; 3-7: Exhibition of Paintings by Eva Fisher; Mikra Studio, 16 Allenby Road.
10-12; 4-6: Graphic Works by Max Liebermann; Zulkis - Hermann Studio, 41 Rothschild Blvd.
10-1; 3-6: Exhibition of works by Yaacov Eibenshetz; Artists' House, 9 Alharizi Street.
10-1; 3-6: Exhibition of Works by J. Zucker; Tel Aviv Museum.
10-1; 3-7: Exhibition of Works by Uri Ahwell; Katz Gallery; 97 Dizengoff Street.
7.30 & 9.45 p.m.: "Offenbach in Tel Aviv;" Li-La-Lo Theatre; Jasha Heifetz Hall.

HAIFA

9-1; 3-7: Exhibition of Paintings of Old City of Jerusalem by David Gilboa; Goldman and Neufeld Art Gallery, 3 Balfour St.
10-1; 3-6: Soldiers' Library; Moadon Lahayal, 8 Balfour St.
10-1; 4-5: Municipal Museum, 2 Hassan Shukri St.
WINDSOR HOTEL — Dancing nightly in the garden; Vexler Quintet.

SWISS EXCHANGE RATES

Zurich, April 24

Banknotes	Buying	Selling
Pounds Sterling	10.80	10.85
Israel Pounds	7.05	7.25
Palestine Pounds	9.20	9.60
U.S. Dollars	4.2875	4.29
Canadian Dollars	3.825	3.845
Belgian Francs (100)	8.54	8.55
Dutch Guilders (100)	103.50	104.50
Swedish Kroners (100)	74.50	75.50
French Francs (10,000)	119.—	119.50
Turkish Pounds (100)	95.—	100.—

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SHIPS IN HAIFA PORT ON WEDNESDAY

Argobeg, Br., Fosston
Benay Saul, Dan., Mixed Cargo
Erdmaal, Dutch, Bagged Cargo
Vincenzo, It., Prefab. Housed
Jan George, Br., Tar and Mixed Cargo
Demir Hissar, Tur., Household Effects
Mouzaia, Bul., Compt. Offloading
Ersto, Hond., Wheat
Dreamth, Ik., Pipes
Kedmah, Is., Household Effects
Moiskan, U.S., Wood
Safaz, Tur., Wood
Poltonia, It., Wood and Household Effects
George D, Grazia, Gr., Sugar and Wood
Paul Revere, U.S., Pipes
Gavriel, Is., Waiting Offloading
San Antonio II, It., Under Repairs
Giordana, It., Under Repairs
Orchidea, It., Under Repairs
Atzmaut, Is., Under Repairs
Artza, Is., Under Repairs

DEPARTURES IN PAST 24 HRS.

Sunnanland	Swedish
Mars	British
Brooklyn Heights	U.S.
Aspera	British
Galilah	Israel
Filippo Grimani	Italian

SHIPS EXPECTED

Date	Ship	Cargo
25	Gene	Bones
26	Bontas	Immigrants and Phosphates
26	Whimea	Passengers
26	Axiona	Mail, Iron, Pipes, Milk Powder, Radio Sets, Cars, General Cargo, etc.
26	Farn	General Cargo and Tar
27	Mamaroua	Durra and Leather
30	Lacovos	Cotton Seeds

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Bolivia Latest Maccabiah Entry

By A. KALMAN, Sports Editor

A team from Bolivia will participate in the Third Maccabiah later this year in Israel. The party will include track and field athletes and swimmers, and possibly boxers and wrestlers. The distance between Israel and Bolivia will necessitate the team leaving on their lengthy journey a month before the Games are scheduled to start.

Further news from England, which has already named a number of outstanding athletes who will be included in its team (already reported), says that yet another star in his own field will add to the team's strength. He is Frank Aaron, the well known runner who has carried many top competitions this year including the National (English) cross-country championship.

450 Dunam Stadium

At home it has been revealed that the Stadium and sports arena being constructed at Ramat Gan will eventually cover 450 dunams. The workers are organized in two shifts to obviate delay.

The site was visited a few days ago by Mrs. Golda Myerson, the Minister of Labour, who was given full details of the works and plans. When completed the large stadium will accommodate between 70,000 to 80,000 spectators, (20,000 seated).

A delegation of the Maccabiah Organizing Committee, comprising Messrs. G. Flesch, N. Lurie and M. Marcus, was received by Mr. Moshe Shapiro, the Minister of the Interior, some days ago at Ha'Kirya, when he heard details from them of the Maccabiah plans. Subsequently a Ministerial Committee was set up to deal with specific Maccabiah problems. At its first meeting with members of the Organizing Committee the accommodation, feeding and transportation of the many athletes and tourists expected, as well as easing visa facilities, were discussed. A liaison officer was appointed to work with the Organizing Committee.

W.Z.F. Support

Mr. Israel Goldstein, chairman of the World Confederation of General Zionists, has expressed his personal interest in the big sports event and promised to support a move for a substantial donation to the Organizing Committee.

SUPREME COURT CASES TODAY

Before Justices Agranat, Assaf & Silberg: (Motion 21/50): D. Hofmekler & Others (rep. by Kroyanker) v. Dr. A. Dostrovsky & Others; (H.C.15/50): M. Micakshvili (rep. by Sherf) v. Minister of Defence.

Jerusalem Hapoel Satisfy Fans

To facilitate the maximum turn out for the Independence Day run no Israel League games took place on Saturday last but 2,000 Jerusalem soccer fans turned out at the Y.M.C.A. pitch despite the *khamsin* to be treated to a nice display of football and see the local Hapoel side beat their clubmates from Ramat Gan in a friendly game, by 6-2, after leading 4-2 at half-time. Local fans were well satisfied with Jerusalem Hapoel's display which was responsible for their good win. *L.*

Soccer Chairman To Study Game

Mr. Arthur Barr, the chairman of the I.F.A. League and Cup Committee, left for abroad some days ago. He is to visit various European countries and study new soccer tactics and recent changes in soccer training methods.

MID-WEEK SOCCER RESULTS

ENGLISH LEAGUE
Division III (South)

Bristol R.	3	Newport	0

SCOTTISH LEAGUE
Division B

Queens Pk.	2	Stenh'semuir	0

Other Matches

Celtic	1	Derry C.	0
Forfar	1	Arbroath	1

Israel's World Football Day Games

In accordance with the decision of the F.I.F.A. (International Football Federation) the Israel F.A. has drawn its programme of soccer games to be played here on May 6, to be designated as World Football Day in memory of the 18 Turin (Italy) players who were killed in an air crash while returning from Portugal last year.

The matches will be stopped for one minute's silence during play. The Israel Federation will send a wreath to the Italian Football Association to be placed on the grave of the deceased players. The schedule of games fixed is:

At Rehovot: Rehovot Maccabi vs. Tel Aviv Betar.

Tel Aviv: (on the Stadium pitch): Ramat Gan Hapoel vs. Ramat Gan Maccabi, then Tel Aviv Maccabi vs. Tel Aviv Hapoel. (On the Jaffa Hapoel pitch): Tel Aviv Shimshon vs. Tel Aviv Bnei Yehuda, then Jaffa Hapoel vs. Jaffa Maccabi.

Petah Tikva: (on the Hapoel pitch): Tel Aviv Noar 'A' vs. Petah Tikva and Ramat Gan Combined, then Petah Tikva Hapoel vs. Petah Tikva Maccabi.

Jerusalem: (on the Y.M.C.A. pitch): Rehovot Hapoel vs. Jerusalem Betar, then Jerusalem Hapoel vs. Jerusalem Maccabi.

Haifa: (on the Hapoel pitch): Haifa Port Workers vs. Haifa Hakoah, then Haifa Hapoel vs. Haifa Maccabi.

Netanya: Netanya Maccabi vs. Sharon District Selected.

Zichron: Zichron Maccabi vs. Sharon Zichron Hapoel.

Hadera: Hadera Hapoel vs. Athlit Sports Club.

Kfar Ata: Kfar Ata Hapoel vs. Kiryat Haim Hapoel.

In addition there will be a match between a selected Tel Aviv Youth "B" side and a selected North Youth League set-up.

Koreans Steal Boston Marathon

Koreans stole the Boston Marathon last week winning the first three places. An easy first over the 26 miles 385 yard course was Kee Young Ham in two hours two minutes 29 seconds. Last year's winner, Karl Leandersson, of Sweden, lagged badly and was more than a mile behind at the half way mark in a field of 34 runners.

Another Korean, Kil Yoon Song, was second in 2:35.58. Ham, 18 year old high school student from Seoul, finished a mile in front and for a time threatened the course record established in 1947 by the Korean Yon Buk Suh of two hours 25 mins. 39 secs. Yun Chil Choi, also from Korea, came third in 2:39.47.

WIRELESS PROGRAMMES

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NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30 p.m., & 8.30 & 10.25 p.m.; English: 2 & 10.15 p.m.; Arabic Programme (including News): 8.30 a.m.; 2.15 p.m. & 7.15 p.m.; French: 5 p.m.
6.30 p.m. Service. 6.35 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 7.45 Morning Concert (R). 8.45 Oriental Music: R. Amar. 8.00 Close Down.
10.30 Piano Recital (R). 10.45 Southern Rhythm (R). 11.00 Concert Hall: Concerto in D Major (Prokofieff); Sinfonietta (Janacek). 11.45 Israel Songs (R). 12 N. Music (R). 12.30 Agricultural News. 12.40 Programme for Hospitals (Rb). 1.00 Soldiers' Programme. 1.45 Housewives' Corner. 2.15 Close Down.
4 p.m. Siesta (R). 4.30 Operas (R). 5.00 Accordeon Recital: Naftali Aharoni. 5.15 Wind Instruments (R). 5.30 Violin Recital: Sascha Parnes. 5.45 "Famous Books." Talk. 6.15 Language Corner. 6.30 Children's Hour. 7.00 From Worker to Worker: Talk. 7.45 Bible Reading. 8.00 Soldiers' Programme. 8.40 Commentaries. 8.45 "The Knesset and Its Committees." 9.00 Israel Opera presents Bizet's "Carmen" (Broadcast from Edison Hall, Jerusalem). 9.45 Where to Go (Jerusalem). 9.45 Talmud Lesson, Rabbi Nariya (Tel Aviv). 10.20 Violin Recital: Eli Spivak: Bach Programme. 11.15 Close Down.
Immigrants Hour (33.3 M.): 7.00 p.m. Yiddish. 7.30 p.m. Ladino. 7.40 p.m. French.
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The Weather

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Haifa Airport	78	17	27	25
Ha'Kirya	58	13	29	27
Lydda Airport	69	20	30	20
Jerusalem	58	23	29	25
Beersheba	36	13	30	28

A) Humidity at 3 p.m. yesterday.
B) Minimum temperature yesterday.
C) Maximum temperature yesterday.
D) Maximum temperature expected today.

FORECAST: Partly cloudy to cloudy, with possible light rain in the north. Strong north-west winds will continue. Lower temperature.

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A seminar arranged by the Institute for the Study of Labour and Production Efficiency will take place on May 11 in the Bet Hahalutzot in Jerusalem. Among the participants will be workers and foremen.

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Thirty water pipes recently stolen in the Negev will be returned by the Egyptian authorities either today or tomorrow, it is expected. Another 60 pipe sections will be returned in the near future.

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For the third week in succession, a drop in currency in circulation was registered last night, wth IL.54,743,488.500, or IL.700,000 less than last week. The currency was covered by IL.27,526,738.500 in foreign exchange, IL.266,750 in notes of the Palestine Currency Board, IL.16,680,000 by Government Land Bonds, and IL.10,270,000 in Treasury Notes.

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Thieves broke into the Loan and Savings Bank in Karkur last night and made off with IL.15 in small change. They were unable to open the safe.

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RAMAT GAN:
Ramat Gan.
HAIFA:
Hagalil, 19 Allenby Road, Arnon, 6 Prophets Street, 4178.

MILD SENTENCE FOR HAVING BRITISH NOTES

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Because the law governing the holding of Mandatory banknotes appeared in Arabic about three weeks after it was published in Hebrew, an Arab found in possession of £300 last year received a mild sentence from the Anti-Profiteering Court today. The money was ordered to be confiscated but otherwise the accused was not punished.

The law, ordering citizens to hand over such currency was published in Arabic only a few days before the accused was arrested, it was stated in Court.

Food News

JERUSALEM:
Fish: Dutch, 150 grams, or 100 grams live carp, Shin-Zayin 4.
TEL AVIV AND DISTRICT:
Meat substitute: consumers not taking frozen meat may receive 3 eggs, domestic: Tet 15, Tet 16: tourists and visitors, Tav-Gimel, Tav-Yod, old card, or new card. Fish: local carp, 100 grams, Shin-Vav 29, tourists and visitors, Lamed; distribution continues in zones 5, 6 and 7; Turkish, 150 grams, Shin-Vav 30; tourists and visitors, 40, distribution in zones 1 and 7 ends today; deep-sea, no ration points required.
Maximum prices for storage grapefruits and Valencia oranges (first quality):
Grapefruit, 68 pruta kilo; Valencias, 83 pruta kilo.
Price is 2 prutot higher in Jerusalem, Safad, Tiberias, Nazareth, Affula and vicinity.

Israel Could Cope with Any Epidemic, Health Head Says

TEL AVIV, Wednesday.—Israel will be represented at the W.H.O. conference which is to be held in Geneva on May 8, Dr. J. Mayer, Director-General of the Ministry of Health, told the press here today. Dr. J. Oren (Austern), and Dr. E. Roch, of the Ministry of Health, and an official of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs will go to Geneva.

Rehabilitation — "No Other Miracle"

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — There is practically no need to send patients abroad for orthopaedic surgery except in very rare cases, Professor Leo Mayer, of the Hospital of Joint Diseases in New York, told the press here today. He was introduced by Dr. J. Mayer, Director-General of the Ministry of Health. Professor Mayer has been touring Israel hospitals for three weeks. He visited 22 hospitals, examined 300 patients, and performed 30 operations.

Treated Amputees

"I know of no other miracle in the present day than that of rehabilitation," the surgeon said. He had treated three Israel amputees in New York. One of them, a musician, can now play the piano with artificial hands and is on the way to becoming a conductor.

Another one has returned to his kibbutz and is a useful member of the community. The third, however, died from an eye operation. In this country orthopaedic surgery was on a very high level, Professor Mayer said, adding that he had found as fine assistants in the Central Military Hospital here as ever could be desired.

Health services have been greatly improved during the past year, Dr. Mayer said, adding he was sure that the country would be able to cope with any epidemic that might occur in summer. He had not been so sure a year ago, but even the most dangerous looking outbreaks in immigrant camps had been quickly brought under control.

There is no epidemic of infantile paralysis in this country, Dr. Mayer said, although the number of cases registered recently was greater than usual. Villages which barred children from outside were not acting fairly, as adults were more likely carriers of the disease than children.

Many Jewish physicians from abroad apply for information to the Ministry of Health to check reports of "too many doctors in the country." In fact, there are too many old physicians—out of 2,000 recently registered, 1,300 are over 50. Older men generally stick to towns, where, naturally, too many doctors are available. But there is a scarcity of young doctors willing to go to the country, especially to new villages. There were also many general practitioners, but relatively few specialists.

Bathing Restricted

Bathing on the Tel Aviv shore will be prohibited this summer except for the stretch between Rehov Shalom Aleichem and Rehov Gordon, Mr. A. Amrami, Chief Engineer of the Ministry of Health, said. The Municipality has promised to close six of the eight sewage outlets to the sea.

The sea all along Jaffa and Tel Aviv was contaminated, Mr. Amrami said, but it was less so between Shalom Aleichem and Gordon, according to periodic bacteriological tests. When the chlorination apparatus for sewage water arrives in a few weeks, bathing will again become more of a pleasure.

The final solution for the sewage problem will be decided after the report of Mr. Henry Kaufman, the London sewage expert, is ready in June. In broad lines, it proposes to take all sewage water east of Tel Aviv to the Negev for irrigation purposes. The Ministry of Agriculture has agreed to build a pipeline to take sewage water to the South, Mr. Amrami said.

Flemish Cure Visits Children He Saved

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Cure Louis Celis, of the village of Gotem in Flanders, and Mme. Celis, are returning home tomorrow, after a seven weeks stay, during which they visited the Holy Places in Jerusalem, Nazareth, Tiberias and Haifa. They have also seen Zeev and Simha Ruttenberg, the two children whom the priest concealed in his house from 1941 until 1945. They now live in Shfa-yim, and Zeev, who was 13 in 1941, is now a married man.

"What we did was only our Christian duty," Cure Celis said today. The Ruttenberg family, fleeing from Brussels after the German occupation, arrived in the neighbouring village of Trone, where M. Celis' brother, also a pastor, officiated. The two boys were brought to Gotem, while their older sister, Regina, was hidden by M. Celis' father. The Ruttenberg parents were both arrested later by the Germans, and died in Auschwitz. After the war, the children went to Israel. Cure Celis was recently invited by Mr. G. Rabinowitz, of Tel Aviv, and a group of other friends of the Ruttenberg family, to "have a look at the Holy Land."

Lust for Life

The tour included a visit to several kibbutzim, and the Cure was impressed by the spirit he had found there. But what impressed him most in Israel was "that lust for life of a people which had suffered so much from the Germans."

"Before leaving your country, I would like to wish it the blessings of peace."

Visibility Nil — Traffic Slowed

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Night and early morning traffic on the main roads into the city crawled along at snail's pace.

Thick, puffy mist reduced visibility to nil in some spots and drivers hung out of their windows to see the road. Some stopped for several minutes to let the mist, which came in bursts, spurt by.

It was exceptionally severe in the Lydda area, and one aircraft, coming in to land, circled many times before touching down.

Two Seriously Hurt In T.A. Accidents

TEL AVIV, Wednesday.—Four adults and a child were injured in road accidents in this area yesterday and this morning, two of them seriously.

Efraim Mendel, 30, who stood on the steps of a moving bus hit an electric pylon in Rehov Mercaz Baalei Malacha and was admitted to the Yarkon Hospital with serious injuries. A car driven by Avraham Alexandrowitz struck 58-year-old Avraham Rosi, a pedestrian, in Rehov Ben Yehuda last night causing him serious injuries. Efraim Brisowsky, 56, was similarly injured when crossing Habimah Square. Both victims were taken to the Hadassah Hospital.

Avraham Rosenzweig, aged six, was hit this morning by a taxi as he was crossing Rehov Jaffa-Tel Aviv. He was taken to the Hadassah Hospital.

In Natanya, a motorcyclist knocked down Irene Windisch, who was taken to the Beilinson Hospital.

HAIFA CYCLIST INJURED

HAIFA, Wednesday.—A cyclist, Shlomo Falik, suffered a fractured skill yesterday when he collided with a taxi on the corner of Mountain Road and Rehov Allenby. He is at the Rothschild Hospital.

BOY HIT BY ARMY LORRY

An Army lorry yesterday morning struck Yigal Yadit, 7, in the Romema Quarter of Jerusalem. The child was taken to the Bikur Holim Hospital with a leg injury. The driver was detained.

IMMIGRANT WOUNDED BY STRAY BULLET

HADERA, Wednesday. — Avraham Haim Hanzasl, of the Ein Shemer immigrant camp, was wounded by a stray bullet this morning when he was walking in Pardess Hanna fields.

Late for Dinner

REHOVOT, Wednesday. — Homing pigeons do home — even if it takes them seven months.

Last year, children of Givat Brenner holidaying in the north, sent off a pigeon from Mt. Carmel with a letter to their parents and friends. The bird, however, was seen loosing height rapidly soon after it took off.

This week, it flew into its dovecot in the settlement. It had evidently had a damaged wing that had taken seven months to heal.

The letter was there — intact.

Counsel Clash In Yacobovitz Case

TEL AVIV, Wednesday.—Mr. I. Ben-Yaminy, who was appointed by the Court to be Counsel for David Yacobovitz, accused of the Gan Meir murder and rape, told the District Court today that he would represent his client without any fee. The statement followed a complaint by the State Attorney, Mr. S. Shimron, that since Mr. Ben-Yamini had been appointed by the State to defend Yacobovitz, he should be held in contempt of court for his failure to appear at yesterday's hearing.

The Court had waited yesterday for a considerable time, but Mr. Ben-Yaminy was delayed in Jerusalem in connection with another trial, and finally the case was adjourned until this morning. Mr. Ben-Yaminy stated that he had left word with Mr. Shimron's office that he would be unable to appear. As for being an "employee of the State," counsel stated that he would defend the accused without fee.

Mr. Shimron denied that he had received Mr. Ben-Yaminy's message, and was asked by the Court to inquire into the matter.

Two witnesses testified during today's hearing: Mr. Hanan Gerler, driver of the Magen David Adom ambulance who took Daniel Fakteri, the victim of the murder, to the Hadassah Hospital, and Dr. Y. Yacoby who examined the allegedly raped girl at the same hospital.

The Custom Of Eating Chicken

TEL AVIV, Wednesday.—The plea that according to the custom of his people, chicken must be eaten when a relative dies did not help Shimon Sgayer, a Yemenite, who was found in possession of chickens a short while ago. He asserted that his mother had just died, but the Anti-Profiteering Court sent him to jail for a month.

Caught again with chickens, he told the Court today that according to custom, the arrival of other Yemenites must be celebrated with a chicken feast. This time he went to jail for two months.

300 at Work On Sports Stadium

RAMAT GAN, Wednesday. — Some 300 workers are busy daily on the construction of the stadium here, which should be ready in August to receive the Maccabiah players.

The work is being financed by a IL.112,000 Government loan to the Municipality, the press here was told today.

WORKMAN KILLED

HAIFA, Wednesday. — A workman, Shimon Ossopatzky, 25, was fatally injured this morning at Dalia settlement when a hook weighing ten kilograms fell from a water-drilling rig during an exploratory operation. He died several hours later at the Haifa Government Hospital.

Princess Plans Moslem Wedding

PARIS, Wednesday (Reuter). Persian Princess Fatima and her American husband, Vincent Lee Hillyer, plan a Moslem wedding here "very soon."

Mr. Hillyer, 24-year-old son of a California doctor who married the 21-year-old American educated youngest sister of the Shah of Iran in a surprise civil ceremony near Rome twelve days ago, said he hoped to become a Moslem himself.

Asked if the Shah had cut off all his sister's royal rights, Mr. Hillyer said: "It is more or less undecided."

The Princess and the student are continuing their honeymoon in a luxury Paris hotel.

Mr. Hillyer indicated that he would return to his post-graduate work in literature and history afterwards.

"The Princess and I met in Teheran two years ago. I was there as a guest of Prince Mahmoud, the Princess' brother, who was a classmate of mine at Los Angeles University."

The date of the Moslem wedding in Paris is not yet known but is expected within the next ten days. Mr. Hillyer expected the formalities for his conversion to take less time than usual as he had already embarked on "an extensive programme of Moslem studies."

Sister of Farouk To Wed in California

SAN FRANCISCO, Wednesday (UP). — Egyptian Princess Fathia, 19-year-old sister of King Farouk, and Riad Ghali, 31, obtained a marriage licence here yesterday.

The princess had been living here with Queen Mother Nazli. Her sister, Princess Faikah, recently married Fouad Sadek, Egyptian diplomatic official here, and the couple are now honeymooning in the Hawaiian Islands

Psychology Professor Kills Two and Self

PERU, Nebraska, Tuesday, (Reuter).—Dr. B. R. Baker, Psychology Professor at Peru State Teachers' College, yesterday shot dead Dr. William Nicholas, President of the College, and Dr. Paul A. Maxwell, another instructor, and then killed himself, police here said.

Plan to Reconcile French Zionists

A plan to reconcile the split in the French chapter of the World Confederation of General Zionists was adopted this week-end at a meeting of the Party's World Executive in Jerusalem.

The split occurred at the last convention in Paris in November when the Party adopted a resolution supporting the General Zionists in Israel against the Progressives. (Both are affiliated with the World Confederation.)

Dr. Israel Goldstein, President of the World Confederation, said that the action of the majority of the French Organization had been contrary to the decision of the World Confederation in 1948 against extending the Israel split to branches abroad.

The new conference of the French Organization will be arranged.

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West Plans to End Military Rule in Austrian Zones

LONDON, Wednesday (AP).—As the Deputy Foreign Ministerz of the four occupying powers, Britain, France, the U.S. and Russia, today met in London to have another try at approving independence for Austria, the U.S., Britain and France were reported to be consulting on a plan to end military rule in their zones of occupied Austria and appoint civilian high commissioners.

Diplomatic sources here said that the suggested appointment of civilian high commissioners is part of a plan to cut the occupation costs for Austria which is labouring heavily under the additional tax burden. Government officials have several times made representations seeking reductions in these costs.

Sir Harold Caccia, British Minister to Austria, has been back to Britain twice in the last six weeks to consult with officials in connection with the administration of Austria.

Sir Harold is likely to be appointed High Commissioner, if such an office is created, diplomatic sources said. If so, he will also continue as British Minister.

Second U.S. Official Accused by Budenz

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, (Reuter). — Senator Joseph McCarthy yesterday told the Senate that former Communist Louis Budenz had named a high official of the State Department as a member of the Communist Party.

He did not disclose the official's identity but said he was now in the State Department and "receiving a very high salary and is in a very important position."

Meanwhile in the committee rooms, Mr. Budenz was being questioned by a Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee behind closed doors on a charge that party leaders told him Professor Owen Lattimore, American Far Eastern expert, was a member of a "Communist cell."

The committee barred both Senator McCarthy and Professor Lattimore from the hearing.

Dr. Ullman Receives Grant for Research

MONTREAL, Monday, (PTA). — The Montreal Canter Research Society has granted a $5,000 bursary to Dr. Solomon Ullman, of the Hebrew University, for research work at the McGill University.

Dr. Ullman's investigations into the influence of plant compounds on growth have resulted in the discovery of two substances which, when applied to infected rats, caused a regression of cancer.

In Jerusalem, it was learned that Dr. Ullman is expected to leave today for Canada. He will work under the supervision of Dr. N. W. Philpot and Dr. G. Gavin Miller, members of the Society's Medical Advisory Board.

Lost Plane Linked To Riddled Wheel

STOCKHOLM, Wednesday, (Reuter).—An aircraft wheel pierced by bullets has been found by a fishing boat off Gotsland, the Swedish Air Force reported last night.

The discovery was linked with the loss of the American bomber with 10 men aboard in the Baltic on April 8.

The wheel is new and undamaged, but the rim has been pierced by a bullet. On the bumper is the date of inspection written in English. The fishing boat picked up the wheel in its net. It will be sent to the German headquarters of the U.S. Air Force.

In Washington yesterday American Navy Secretary Francis Matthews, on behalf of President Truman, awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross posthumously to the ten crew members of the lost naval aircraft.

Citations sent to the relatives said the missing men had performed "assigned tasks with courage and skill in a peacetime mission" and had rendered "outstanding service to the Navy and to their country."

Breakdown of Recent U.S. Plane Purchases

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (Reuter). — Half the planes bought by the American Air Force in the past eight months were jet-fighters, an unofficial breakdown of orders revealed yesterday.

"American Aviation Daily" said the total number of aircraft was 1,204. Of these 677 were jet fighters, 82 jet bombers and approximately 26 were B36 bombers. Twenty-one additional B36's are to be built for reconnaissance but will carry only defensive armament.

The newspaper said its breakdown was on the basis of information from the Air Force and industry.

Cables in Brief

SMUGGLING. — A gigantic smuggling ring, dealing in American dollars, Swiss francs and British sterling has been unearthed by the Irish police.

FRANCE'S National Assembly decided on Tuesday to work four days a week instead of three to put through the mass of detailed proposals in this year's budget.

MASS TRIAL— Eight defendants, charged with the illegal transfer of "people's property" to Western Germany, were arraigned in the East German Republic's first mass sabotage trial.

CAMPAIGN— Left-wing Cypriots, planning a worldwide publicity campaign for union with Greece, will soon send a delegation to Moscow in search of a champion in the United Nations.

DEMONSTRATION — About 1,000 French ex-servicemen, many of them hobbling along on crutches, stopped traffic along the Quai d'Orsay on Tuesday on their way to the National Assembly to protest for an adjustment of their pensions.

U.S., Britain Scored In Human Rights Debate

LAKE SUCCESS, Wednesday (UP). — The United States and Britain came in for a storm of criticism yesterday when they proposed that the right of complaint under the United Nations Human Rights Covenant be granted only to nations and not to individuals or groups.

The attack was summarized in the charge of Dr. M.L. Perlzweig, of the World Jewish Congress, that the Anglo-American proposal was "not only inadequate but perilous to the future of international relations."

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, chairman of the Human Rights Commission which is considering methods of implementing the Covenant, urged support for the Anglo-American proposal.

"It is important not to overreach that which we can reasonably accomplish initially and thereby endanger the progress made so far by the U.N. in the field of human rights," she said.

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IT is surprising that among the multiplicity of organizations of variegated kinds and purposes there has not hitherto been any for the protection of the consumer as such. The reason, perhaps, is that so many of the consumers are themselves producers in their other capacity or have some sectional interest of their own which gives them an advantage over a public that has to pay for their services. Nevertheless, the population as consumers has neglected many opportunities of getting their views enforced. Thus, complaints about the bus services have been voluminous and bitter, yet the simple method of "consumers' resistance" has never been tried. If the public would have refrained from using the buses for a single day, the companies concerned would hardly have been able to ignore such a "strike."

CONSUMER GROUPS

A consumers' organization could have another important function to fulfil. In spite of the existing measures of austerity, it is to be feared that the Israel public is not yet fully aware of the country's difficult economic position. Were it as aware as it should be, there should be an outcry for more austerity. The men and women who made it their purpose to bring the people to consciousness of Israel's needs in settlement, defence, on the sea, in the air and the like succeeded, in some instances remarkably well. They reached out to the whole population and maintained their efforts unfailingly for years. The need for austerity is no less urgent than the need for land in the years before 1948. Perhaps the newly formed association of women's societies for the protection of the consumer might develop into a strong organization, not excluding men, of influence enough for its views to be respected by Government and producers alike.

It is good to see that the new association received official blessing in Jerusalem this week. There is much to teach the public and to demand from the producers and the sellers of services as well as from the Government itself. Austerity products, for example, are some times so poor in quality (as the "Davar" pointed out yesterday) that they become in fact more expensive than the so-called luxury goods. For a consumers' association to be effective it must be unceasingly vigilant.

NEBUCHADNEZZAR, for his sins, was once constrained to eat grass for a season, but we are led to understand that it did him no harm. An American alligator captured in the Mississippi, ate so many metal objects that it had to have its appendix removed. To the noble Antony, in Shakespeare's play about the Roman wassailer and Cleopatra, Enobarbus, having deserted him, says in remorse, "Upon the Alps, it is reported thou didst eat strange flesh," which was the most soldierly compliment he could pay his ex-boss. Donald Duck, in an early Silly Symphony, made the mistake of eating a hotly-peppered pie, and for half a reel or so we were treated to the spectacle of a Red Duck breathing Fire — premature symbol of political cold war.

DOUBTFUL DIETS

We, who prefer to keep to a prescribed diet of some kind, are likely to suffer, however, if we depart much from our regimen. What could be more surprising, therefore, to read that a London labourer survived to be charged in court with having "maliciously consumed electricity?" Fear not, you disbelievers: 'consuming electricity' is simply a euphemism describing the accused's hapless habit of dialling '999', the police number, persistently and without due cause.

DEMAND FOR DEMOCRATIC CABINET

U.S. Defines Stand on Greece

By RICHARD MOWRER

ATHENS. — The forthright stand of the U.S. in the Greek post-election crisis was perhaps the most heartening thing that happened in American foreign policy since the collapse of China. It suggested that the U.S. was determined not to allow a China sequel to happen in Greece.

The March 5 elections showed a popular desire for a change of regime. The voters' trend was emphatically away from the Right and toward the Centre. Here was a chance to set up a government neither too far Right nor too far Left, a government of the Centre parties resting on popular support and therefore most likely to salve the bitter wounds of civil war and spur the country to reconstruction.

Evidently American diplomacy understood this. But ambitious, bridge-playing Sophocles Venizelos (he is said to like to finesse) preferred to ignore the meaning of the elections and play politics. Leader of the Right-Centre Liberal Party, he reneged on an agreement to participate with the other Centre groups in a broad coalition government. He switched camps and allied himself with the defeated Right. He assumed the premiership of a government whose cabinet consisted (with one temporary exception) solely of people from his own Party — which polled only 20 per cent of the March votes.

Not What They Chose

The Greek people had voted for one thing. They were getting something else. Hence the crisis.

There was just one good thing about the Greek mess: it impelled the U.S. to define its attitude toward it. Some observers and many Greeks regard the stiff Grady letter to Venizelos, Acheson's endorsement thereof, and the follow-through with an economic crack-down as a pretty clear definition of U.S. policy, as of the March elections.

(American Ambassador Henry F. Grady's letter to Premier Sophocles Venizelos threatened, in effect, to withhold American economic aid to Greece if a more representative and Democratic government were not formed).

The Greeks voted for a change and, from the unambiguous terms of the Grady letter, it appears that the U.S. wanted to go along with them on that. More than that, Ambassador Grady made it quite clear that the U.S. was disinclined to have any further dealings (at least on the economic side) with the old, predominantly Right-wing crowd that obviously doesn't have the backing of the people.

If the Grady letter was the American statement of policy that it seemed to be, it ought to boost the morale of democratic-minded people in various parts of the world who have felt that American foreign policy consists of bolstering dictatorships of the Right to forestall dictatorships of the Left.

At any rate, it has had the effect here of cheering up a lot of the many Liberal, non-Communist Greeks, who have been pushed around by the Right for the past years.

It wasn't so long ago that the excesses of the Right-wing Populist regime caused non-Communist Greeks to flee to the rebel camp. In the summer of 1947, notably, Liberals, Socialists and Republicans were being arrested in droves as "Communists." When relatives made the rounds of the Athens police stations to trace their arrested husbands and brothers, they were sarcastically referred to the American Embassy.

It was as if the Athens Government were conducting a recruiting drive for the Communist-dominated rebels in the mountains. The rebels' ranks swelled from about 12,000 guerrillas to 25,000. In those days, the Communists' best bet was simply to exploit the boners of the Right.

Fortunately for Greece (and the Truman Doctrine), the Communists themselves committed a series of grave blunders.

Communist Blunders

First, they embarked on a "scorched earth" policy. They planted mines in the fields to prevent the peasants from ploughing and harvesting; they took some two million head of live stock away from the peasants, burned their houses and altogether completely dislocated the lives of 750,000 farmers, one-tenth of the country's population. Then they started forced recruiting, and the peasants' antagonism to the rebels increased.

Second, the Cominform removed from command the best guerrilla leader the rebels had: Markos Vafiades. This tied in, apparently, with the Tito break with Moscow; evidently Markos was suspected by the Cominform of being more Greek than Communist, therefore unreliable.

Third, the Greek Communist Party in its fifth plenary session early in 1949 declared, for Macedonian autonomy. Macedonian autonomy would mean the secession of Greek Macedonia from Greece, as well as the dismemberment of Southern Yugoslavia. The effect of this pronouncement was to alienate from the Communist Party many rebels who were, at heart, more Greek than Communist.

Much U.S. Aid

Other factors combined with these Cominform blunders to end the Greek war: large-scale American military aid; the placing of Field Marshal Alexander Papagos, hero of the Albanian campaign in 1940-41, at the head of the Greek Army; Tito's closing of the Yugoslav border to the rebels.

Now, the guerrilla war is won, but the Balkan horizon is sombre. The overthrow of Tito by the Cominform could mean a revival of the Greek war. Greece could stand such an eventuality better if it could have a period of political and economic stability. These are the considerations behind the U.S.' undisguised disapproval of the political frolics in Athens.

ISRAEL NAVY MAKES LIGHTNING INTERCEPTION

PATROL BOATS ROUND UP SMUGGLERS

By LEO HEIMAN

THE patrol boat rolled gently in the cool of the evening. On land, the air was hot and dry with the first khamsin of the season, but here, some 12 miles off Haifa, the khamsin had dropped the worst of its ferocity, and the hot breath of the desert had become a mild, pleasant breeze. The time was a quarter to seven, and the distant coast was already illumined by the lights of Haifa and the ships anchored in its bay.

To the north, the lights of Acre, Nahariya, and Tyre blinked dimly through the off-shore evening mist. The navigation lights of a British tanker which had left Haifa an hour earlier disappeared over the horizon. All was still. The engines were running at half speed and, crammed in the small space between the cockpit and the aft gun, three sailors were enjoying a game of gin-rummy.

Suddenly the radioman called the skipper who was chewing tobacco in the open cockpit. "Station reporting, sir. An unidentified vessel without lights seven miles sou' sou' west of Rosh Hanikrah . . . ." The engines roared and the boat shot full speed ahead. The lights of Nahariya became brighter and the solitary signal of the frontier post at Rosh Hanikrah was like a star against the grey-white cliffs of the Lebanon. The radioman addressed the skipper again. "The vessel is now between Nahariya and Acre, sir. Moving in the direction of Acre. Speed about seven knots."

Patrol boats are now being built by the Haifa Engineering Works. Photo by Jonas

The patrol boat changed course and, with lights out, raced ahead towards Acre. A dark shape loomed ahead. But whoever was sailing there must have noticed the pursuer. They zigzagged towards the nearby coast.

"They want to beach their boat," growled the skipper. He put the wheel over himself and the boat started along the beach. The blinding white beam of the searchlight cut the darkness in two halves and revealed the object — a small, two-masted schooner, her battered hull painted a light blue.

"Give 'em a warning, Joe," ordered the skipper.

Half-a-dozen orange tracer shells whined through the air and the ear-splitting crash of the cannon was punctured by the cries of frightened Arab sailors. They were near enough by now for their red-and-white keffiyahs to be seen in the searchlight's beam.

"Signal them to stop and drop anchor," barked the skipper. The schooner obeyed and stood fast a couple of hundred yards off the beach.

The patrol boat slowed down and drew alongside the anchored schooner. "Hands up!" shouted the bos'n in Arabic. Five sailors with tommyguns boarded the schooner. They herded all the Arabs close to the stern and started a methodical search. "Fountain pens and hashish, sir," reported the bos'n.

"Smugglers," sighed the skipper. "Nothing exciting ever happens here; just routine. Okay, boys, let's get them to Haifa. Start moving . . ."

Well past midnight the patrol moored alongside other craft of the Israel Navy's patrol flotilla. The schooner, the prisoners, and the contraband were already turned over to the authorities. The patrol boat's crew went to sleep.

Shakespeare in Shefayah

WE visited the Junior Hadassah Farm, Meir Shefayah, just half an hour before the premiere (as far as Shefaya was concerned) of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night." The cows, goats, and chickens were already asleep when we arrived. When the dining hall was crowded with about 500 children of all ages from the village, and with visitors from far away settlements, the play began.

Dr. and Mrs. Jacob, the instructors and producers of the theatrical group, told us beforehand of some of the difficulties encountered in their preparations for the first Shakespearean performance in Shefayah. The 15-year-old boy from the Yemen at first refused to play the foolish and unsympathetic character of Malvolio. He feared that the characteristics of this fictional gentleman would make him personally ridiculous to his comrades for years to come. On the other hand, Viola, also from Yemen, who two years ago did not know anything about Shakespeare or the theatre, was not at all disturbed during the rehearsals. The other boys and girls of the cast took the four weeks of rehearsing as a wonderful pastime after school.

Good Gardens

When the curtain rose, the first surprise was the setting and the costumes. They were wonderful. The former consisted of a very intriguing view of Venice in a rich perspective, with a distant horizon as the background for all the scenes. In the foreground, furniture was changed to suit the various occasions. This Venetian view was, of course, taken from a book dealing with theatrical settings — but it was splendidly executed by the gardener of the village and well adapted to the possibilities of the narrow stage, and, as a matter of fact, the talents of a gardener are indeed related to those of a theatrical designer.

The gorgeous costumes were made after careful attention to reference material. They were in the right style and highly amusing and convincing.

Fool of Ten

The performance was as gay as Shakespeare intended. Of course, there was, occasionally, more fun than even the author reckoned for. The young Malvolio was amusing. Viola had genuine grace, and the girl who played Marie seemed to me to be the most talented actress of all. Also charming was the ten-year-old boy who played the fool, who sang his melancholy songs with a high-pitched silvery voice.

The whole offered a fine example of entertaining children's theatre. But no less enjoyable was the dessert: we were offered cake with whipped cream. We took this, too, as a pure theatrical effect, not coming from the world of reality.

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Readers' Letters

INFILTRATORS

The Editor, **The Jerusalem Post**

Sir, — We read frequently of clashes with infiltrators into Israel territory. Certainly measures must be taken to guarantee the security of borders and roads, but legitimate and essential security measures should not be allowed to degenerate into the killing and wounding of men, women, and children. Today's *Jerusalem Post* carries an account of "an unauthorized party that travelled across Israel from Hebron to Gaza," five members of whom were killed, two women wounded.....

We Jews have suffered so much as refugees in crossing frontiers. Should we not be careful in our dealings with other unhappy refugees? The Ministry of Defence should find means to avoid the indiscriminate use of weapons. Surely the mere crossing of Israel territory should not be punishable by death, delivered by Army patrols.

Yours, etc.,
D.W. SENATOR
Jerusalem, April 24.

BEN AMI CAMP

The Editor, **The Jerusalem Post**

Sir, — After further investigating the Ben Ami Camp case referred to in your issues of March 23 and 29, we would like to add the following.

In the Ben Ami camp area, as in other camps situated in town areas which were occupied by the Army during the emergency, large sums of money were invested and special installations erected, making the job of evacuating or transferring these camps to other areas not an easy one.

As pointed out in our letter published in your paper of March 23, it was agreed in principle to evacuate the Ben Ami Camp, but owing to the above difficulties it cannot now be stated when the evacuation will be completed. As stated before, arrangements are now being made to have part of the camp evacuated, and it is not correct that owners of the plots will be charged for the removal of the Army installations on their land. There was a request from the Property Branch of the Defence Ministry to debit the owners with the cost of moving the fence to the boundary of the new camp, but even before the owners protested, the Defence Ministry decided that this claim was unjustified and they allotted the required sum for the removal.

As regards payment of maintenance and taxes for the area the same principle applies to the Ben Ami Camp as to any other property — there are taxes payable by the owner and taxes payable by the tenant or lessee. The latter will fall on the Army, whereas the former are responsible for taxes which they have to pay as owners. The Army, of course, is obliged to pay rent. Rent has not been paid up to date because the rates for unbuilt areas have not yet been fixed. As soon as a decision is reached in this matter, the land owners will receive rent for the whole period during which the Army occupied the area.

Yours, etc.,
Ministry of Defence,
Public Relations Branch.
Ha'Kirya, April 17.

CENSOR'S TASK

The Editor, **The Jerusalem Post**

Sir, — Mr. E. Traubner's article "Cables at Sender's Risk" in yesterday's "Jerusalem Post" is most revealing.

On January 26, at a public meeting, Mr. P. Rosen, Minister of Justice, declared that the Military Censor's task is at present restricted to financial matters only. Mr. Rosen expressed his doubts whether the administrative expenses involved, and the inconvenience caused to the public and especially to business circles, through censorship delays, were justified.

Yours, etc.,
Y. L.
(Name and address supplied)
Tel Aviv, April 24.

LIFE IN SPAIN

The Editor, **The Jerusalem Post**

Sir, — I read with interest the comment of the Duke of Terranova on life in Spain. It is surprising that the Duke forgot to mention that a Spanish labourer averages a monthly wage of from 400 to 500 pesetas. With this sum he can buy two pairs of average quality shoes. This alone may suffice to indicate the standard of living of the Spanish labourer.

Yours, etc.,
A SPANISH SHOE OWNER
(Name and address supplied)
Haifa, April 19.

SHEIKH BADER

The Editor, **The Jerusalem Post**

Sir, — The only thoroughfare between Romema and Sheikh Bader has neither lighting nor is it paved; it hasn't even got a name. The heavy traffic, especially of lorries, caused by the building of the new Kiryah, has turned this "street" into one morass impassable for pedestrians.

Yours, etc.,
B. N.
(Name and address supplied)
Jerusalem, April 11.

KEEPING POSTED

INDEPENDENCE Day comes and goes and you still can't get a simple glass of water in most restaurants. You drink "gazoz" or some equivalent whether you like it or not. The mere mention of unadulterated water makes the waiter either sulky or downright mad. He either postpones the water entirely

or flings down something lukewarm with a pained expression. You can only remember with nostalgia those large glass jugs of ice water which were brought to the table as soon as you sat down in an Arab restaurant. You may have forgotten the microbes.

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SOME days ago one of our readers received a letter from one of the most important crane manufacturers in England. After giving the requested information, the letter concluded as follows:

It may also be of interest for you to know that we are represented in your area by Messrs...., Rue Fakhry Bey, Beirut, Lebanon, who, we know, will be very pleased to assist you in any way they can.

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THE Jaffa tragedy had one direct effect as far away as Jerusalem. It so happened that a Jerusalem Municipal official examined a house in the Katamon Quarter and found it unfit for habitation, but neither persuasion, cajoling, nor threats swayed the tenant, a recent immigrant. The tenant finally visited the official in his office and, as he was leaving after a lengthy discussion, in which he refused to vacate the house, the official's parting words were: "You'll be killed when that house collapses." Several hours later the Jaffa disaster occurred. The next morning, when the official came to his office, he found the tenant already there, begging for new premises at once so that he could vacate the house he lived in that same morning.

THE luxury tax has been extended to many articles but there's one commodity, however, which seems to have escaped the austere scrutiny of the authorities — public speeches. Rationing is unnecessary when, as in the case of public oratory, supply greatly exceeds demand. And since something must obviously be done to combat inflationary trends wherever they appear, taxation seems to be the most efficient weapon of doing this. A ten-minute speech could be taxfree but anything longer, irrespective of value, should be taxed five shillings per minute, the tax to be collected on the spot from the chairman. Stop watches should be provided by the Treasury.

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AND, talking about speeches, while Sabras are supposed to be a race apart, forging a new path—they still seem to be "chips off the old block" in some respects. For instance, there was the woman who found a note in her fourth grade son's pocket to the effect, "You are invited to attend a conference to be held in the schoolyard during morning recess." Upon questioning her man-of-affairs, she learned that two bookcases for general use had been placed in the fourth grade class which, maintained the pupils, interfered with their wall decorations. Their teacher had been unable to prevail upon the principal to remove the offending articles. Therefore, the pupils had decided to take direct action. "What was the outcome of the conference?" asked curious mama, to which her son responded, "Nothing at all. By the time we decided who was to make the speeches at the conference, the recess was over and the bell rang."

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AN American tourist, who had arrived in this country full of exaggerated stories of austerity meals here, had

the following comment to make on the mobile cages of carrier pidgeons in the Jerusalem Independence Day parade: "Gee, a mobile Army kitchen." He must have thought they were "Zena" chickens!

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"THESE are my 'Merchant of Venice' corals," a woman explained when her necklace was admired. When her husband had bought them in Venice and asked to have them sent to Israel, the clerk summoned the proprietor. Gripping the purchaser's hand with emotion, the proprietor said that since he couldn't go to Israel himself, could he at least be allowed to halve the price of the corals? Such things happen frequently, said the traveller, ranging from the corals in Venice to an equally emotional dry cleaner in New York.

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